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part two the middle years 1914 to 1939 sometime in 1915 the Japanese warship Osama went aground in Turtle Bay in the Gulf of Lower California the presence of this vessel in that part of the world was not a total surprise as Japanese fleet units had been previously cited a few times in the area earlier the Grand Admiral of Nippon had paid a visit to Mexico expounding a blood-brother theme what appeared to be somewhat incredible about this incident was that the formidable veterans of Tsushima could be so inept as to allow this accident to happen indeed it subsequently became questionable that the event was an accident at all according to Sidney mash beer an intelligence officer destined to gain fame with General Douglas MacArthur's allied translator and interpreter section during World War two there were quote unquestionable proofs that whole companies of Japanese soldiers had traversed a part of southern Arizona in 1916 during secret exercises proceedings that could only have been associated with the assam --is wallowing in the mud the previous year end quote quote as an intelligence officer in 1916 with the first arizona infantry he had been detailed by that general Funston of Aguinaldo fame on a mission to seek the truth of rumors among Indians of Japanese columns present in northern Sonora in Mexico mash beer who later acted as a spy for

America in Manchuria tramped across the desert which he knew well enough to make the first map of it our army ever had his knowledge of the desert told him that even the Japanese incredible marchers that they were could not have made the trip without violating Arizona

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made the trip without violating Arizona Territory to the north for water he made his estimate and headed for the area he believed they would have to touch there he discovered Japanese ideographs written in charcoal upon the rock walls of Pass of the tane Haas Atlas Mountains they were he estimated the notes of column commanders who had gone before to those who would follow his own Indian scouts told him that parties of fifty came ashore at intervals and made the killing March mash spear hastened to send a detailed report to Washington but in 1916 a general staff that had no intelligence section for receiving and assessing information appended a comment to the report that the ideograph had no military value even in retrospect as he was telling the story mash beers mustachios bristled the point completely missed by that commentator was of course that any indication of Japanese presence in Arizona or northern Mexico at that time had the highest military implication one can only imagine how a similar bit of information indicating the presence of Americans on Hokkaido would have been treated by Tokyo intelligence analysts at that time end quote footnote Allison IND a short history of espionage New York David McKay company 1963 pages 131 through 132 and footnote although war had been raging in Europe for two years when this incident occurred military intelligence was practically non-existent in the United States the military information division had become the second section g2 of the new General Staff organization in 1903 however because it had no champions among the Army's leadership it was transferred to the War College in 1908

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transferred to the War College in 1908 and fell under an unappreciative and insensitive committee leadership within that institution in 1910 its forces and identity dwindled when the United States entered the world war the new chief of staff general patency march discovered his intelligence personnel consisted of two officers and two clerks footnote patency March the nation at war New York Doubleday Duran & Company 1932 page 226 end footnote returning from Asian duty in 1915 where he had seen intelligence service as organizer and head of the Philippines military Information Bureau major Ralph H Van Diemen came to the information branch of the War College quote he was delighted but soon found reason to be appalled he discovered that reports had been coming in from all over a warring world gathered by conscientious military attache and from intelligence organizations of belligerence on both sides a treasure trove of information but these priceless documents had never left the War College building and daemon found them in tall dusty piles and other piles were telegrams marked urgent filed by an information officer especially assigned to General John J Pershing then engaged on the Villa punitive expedition in the same regions of northern Mexico that were giving so much concern to Washington these had never left the room where they had been filed end quote and daemon attempted to correct this situation by appealing first to the president of the Army War College urging that the military information division be re-established but correspondents endorsing this recommendation was ignored by the chief of staff general

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ignored by the chief of staff general Hugh Scott next Van Diemen's sought the relocation of the division naming the command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth as a possible site but shortly after eleven worth endorsed the plan officials in Washington and London became aware of it and condemned the action General Scott quashed the proposal and almost did the same for Van Diemen's assignment America would be at war before the revival of the military information division occurred [Music] this is our hidden history Oh

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